

**South Los Angeles Industrial Tract BID
Annual Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2007 at 11:00 am
655 East Florence Avenue**

In attendance: Steve Anderson, Duke Dulgarian, Greg Goodman, Matt Mullen, Steve Stone, Barry Croxen, Oscar Ixco-CRA, Rene Ferrell-CRA, Jenny Scanlin-CRA, Oscar Avina, Susan Levi, Rod Kratovil, Ruben Garcia-LAPD, Dan Reedy-LAPD, Marie Rumsey-CD9, Ronald Avenenz-UPS, Brady Metcalfe-UPS, Louis Boulgarides-UPS, Carl Lou-UPS, Bunyon Hutter-UPS, David Engel, David Mitchell, Mark Simpson-Symis.

I. Meeting called to order at 11:22 am.

II. Introductions - Introductions were made.

III. Duke Dulgarian, President of the Board – deferred to open discussion as some attendees were running late.

IV. Council District 9

Marie Rumsey, Chief of Staff for CD9 brought up the Council office's frustration with the camera installation delays.

V. Los Angeles Police Department

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Reedy advised that with Avina's security team, they have taken aggressive action towards illegal car sales and street racing in the area, and that they recently impounded 200 cars. Reedy advised that the BID is still seeing stolen vehicles being dropped off in the area and then picked up after the car is "cleaned." Reedy advised that some car owners would spray paint the red curbs gray in order to not be parked illegally. Reedy advised that the number of illegal vendors, i.e. DVD, food, etc. has declined. The homeless population remains constant, although it is better on McKinley. Reedy described "EJ" as a homeless man whom tries to extort property owners in return for EJ's protection. Reedy advised that EJ was recently released from incarceration and has been seen in the area.

Reedy informed the group that he has been in the Newton Division for 17 years and has definitely seen an improvement since the BID started. He advised that crime is down 8% in Newton Division. Property crimes and violence is down. Croxen asked Reedy if there is anything the BID could do to help LAPD. Reedy advised that more BID officers are needed. Reedy has been working very close with Avina. Avina is attending weekly meetings at Newton Division with Reedy and his supervisors. Croxen asked if LAPD could monitor the cameras when they are all installed. Reedy advised that LAPD already has a shortage of officers and that would only reduce the number of street officers. Reedy advised it was more efficient for Avina's staff to monitor the cameras. Stone asked Reedy if he had any knowledge of Kramer Metals involved in a shoot out mentioned at

last month's meeting. Reedy advised that he was not aware of a shoot out.

VI. Open Discussion

Security Camera Update

David Mitchell from Pro911 gave a demonstration of the cameras. He demonstrated how close the cameras can zoom in and the versatility of the cameras. He passed around a small laptop to demonstrate the mobility of such. David advised there were 4-5 cameras left to be installed on Slauson and Avalon.

Reedy asked if there was a need to enter in the password to view different cameras. Mitchell advised no and that the current presentation was for demonstration purposes only. Once the "back hull" is fully operational, it will be much faster and easier to maneuver. Mitchell advised that the "back hull" would be entirely installed by the end of December.

Scanlin advised that the board needed to decide on a permanent location for the back hull as the engineering costs are growing. Scanlin advised that since the project's inception, the guard booth was designed to house the back hull, however the booth needs to be re-configured after multiple change orders. Simpson added that placing the back hull at 655 E. Florence was a temporary plan, however they (Symis) could make it permanent. Anderson advised that it could remain here permanently. Simpson added they would need a second high speed DSL line added for the back hull so they could remotely access the system. Simpson asked for the highest speed they could get due to the high volume of data that needed to be collected and distributed. The board decided to order the second DSL line.

Anderson then asked why it has taken so long to get the cameras installed. He said they have had a year to get things done. Mitchell advised he is a sub-contractor with Pro911 hired by Symis. Simpson from Symis advised it has taken so long due to the many change orders and obtaining the necessary permits to install the cameras on the street lights. Simpson added that all the cameras should be up by the end of December. Anderson asked if that included the gate arms and signage. Simpson advised it did not.

Levi asked Simpson how long before all the cameras were installed. Simpson advised that 2 weeks is sufficient time. Levi told Simpson that he needs to be committed to that date so she could announce it in the newsletter. The newsletter will invite all the tract members to view the cameras. Levi advised it would be bad for the cameras to not be fully functional by the meeting. Simpson advised that an additional week would be nice. Simpson guaranteed the cameras will be functional by January 15. Levi scheduled the next meeting for Friday, January 18th at noon. Louis Boulgarides from Universal Protection Service offered to cater lunch for the January 18th meeting.

Simpson advised they had a flight to catch and left at 12:20.

Scanlin advised that the contract between the CRA and Symis included 2/3 payment up front with the final payment after completion. The contract has a stipulation that states

the cameras are to be up and running within 180 days after the start of the contract. The contract also includes maintenance for a year after the installation. Dulgarian said that the cameras are one of the most important factors regarding the renewal of the BID. Even though the board is not directly responsible for the camera installation, it will certainly impact the BID's performance.

Stone asked Mitchell about adding other cameras for his business and for the ability of other BID members to be able to access the cameras from their homes or offices. Mitchell said he could point Stone in the right direction as Pro911 does not do small home or business cameras. He recommended CSSS as a good alternative.

Scanlin asked the attendees for input on the current guard booth. She advised that the CRA didn't want to invest the money to replace the existing booth if it wasn't going to be used. Stone suggested staffing the booth with a Security Officer during peak times as a customer service center. Property owners could stop in and get information on the BID. The Board agreed to remodel the booth and man it during peak hours and house the permanent equipment at the Security Office.

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 12:47 pm